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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop: Amendment PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement Office Action dated June 7, 2005 in the above-identified application.

Election of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

## I. Election

In the Office Action mailed June 7, 2005, the Examiner alleges that the application contains claims directed to two inventions and, thus, required restriction of either:

Claims 1-26 (Group I), drawn to a method; or Claims 27-40 (Group II), drawn to an apparatus.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group I, corresponding to claims 1-26. Applicants' election is made with traverse on the grounds that the embodiments delineated by the Examiner are not patentably distinct and therefore constitute a single invention concept.